

ed to be officers. In all that occurred while they were connected with the company, it was reasonable to conjecture, that they were as much interested and implicated as any other person; and how could the committee know otherwise but by their assurances? And if by their assurances they were to be judged innocent, and then made examiners and judges of those who held offices above them in the canal company, was it not easy to foresee that every thing would be concealed which they had done amiss? Instead of calling upon the dismissed officers, it seems to the undersigned, that the present officers of the company ought, in the first instance, to have been called upon to exhibit; if necessary, their books, and to answer such questions as the committee might propound to them. By so proceeding, there would have been no good cause furnished for the allegation, that the whole investigation looked very much like a proceeding intended to ascertain whether any possible fault could be found in the President of the company, while all others connected with its management were to be treated blameless.

In the hope that the history given of the proceedings of the canal company may prove satisfactory, the undersigned submits the entire subject to the disposal of the House.

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